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Theatre pumps millions into economy

THE Royal & Derngate is not only enjoying a hugely successful year on the stage, it is reaping huge dividends for the regional economy off it.

That is the conclusion of new research published today which revealed Northampton's premier arts venue was generating millions of pounds for the local economy and returning tenfold what it received in public funding.

In pure audiences terms, 2009-10 saw 280,000 people visiting the theatres with a further 130,000 seeing its shows nationwide on tour. They include critically-acclaimed productions, such as *Spring Storm* and *Beyond the Horizon*, which have played at the National Theatre, and *End of the Rainbow*, which will shortly transfer to the West End.

But new methodology on the economic impact of UK theatre, devised by the University of Sheffield, showed the Royal & Derngate contributed a staggering £21m to the local economy, 10 times the total of its core regional and national revenue grants from organisations such as the Arts Council, Northamptonshire County Council and Northampton Borough Council.

The figure is calculated using a combination of additional visitor spend – the average amount an audience member spends outside the theatre as part of their trip, such as babysitting, car parking or a restaurant meal – salaries paid to staff, the living expenses of actors and the total spent on goods and services bought locally by the theatre, along with its actual turnover. The figures also revealed that more than 75 per cent of theatre income was earned through box office, bars, merchandise and café sales and not grants, although they remained integral to its future success.

A theatre spokesman said: "The UK has the largest cultural economy in the world relative to GDP, and every £1 invested in culture typically produces £2.

"We significantly outperform this already impressive figure.

"With national funding cuts looming, and with the eyes of the world on Britain during the Olympic year, 2012, it is vital that key cultural institutions and attractions, such as Royal & Derngate, continue to deliver the quality and range of programming and creativity that is admired nationally and across the world for both social and economic reasons."



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PC Richard Rogers and lorry driver Julian Granger with awards they received at a ceremony to recognise acts of bravery and long service

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Hero driver gets award

A LORRY driver from Northampton was among dozens of prize winners at a police awards ceremony to recognise acts of bravery, courage and long service.

Julian Granger, aged 43, a lorry driver from Kingsthorpe, was one of three people awarded the 'certificate of appreciation to members of the public', for helping rescue five motorists following a serious crash on the M1, in Northamptonshire.

Reading his citation, Supt Gideon Springer said Mr Granger, another lorry driver Michael Waite and police constable Richard Rogers, had all seen the car crash into the central reservation and flip onto its roof on July 27.

The three men then managed to smash a window of the wrecked car, freeing two trapped motorists before extinguishing a fire, which had broken out under the bonnet. The trio then managed to care for a seriously injured woman until paramedics arrived.

Before collecting their awards, Supt Springer said: "It is clear that the quick thinking of Richard, Julian and Michael ensured that the victims of the accident were successfully rescued."

Seventy-two police officers were recognised for 20 years' service during four ceremonies, held both yesterday and today at the force HQ at Wootton Hall.

A further 33 members of police staff, who have worked for the organisation for 20 years will receive awards in recognition of

their service.

Chief Constable Adrian Lee said: "Those who are receiving their long service medals today have demonstrated their commitment and professionalism over more than two decades of service, and have earned our respect and admiration, as well as our thanks."

"They are the backbone of the police service in Northamptonshire."

Roy Woolliscroft, chairman of the Northamptonshire Police Federation, said: "As we celebrate this achievement, I would ask that we all remember that police officers rely on the patience, love, understanding and support of their families."

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Top chef heads college eaterie

AN ACCLAIMED head chef is aiming to put a new restaurant at a college building in Northampton on a par with his other successes.

Former Northampton College student Liam Goodwill was part of the team at The Pheasant, in Cambridgeshire, which was a finalist for the Best British Restaurant award in Gordon Ramsay's search for the UK's best local restaurant.

He has now returned to Northampton after a decade honing his skill elsewhere and has accepted the job of head chef at the newly-opened The Albero Restaurant, which is owned and run by the college from its new town centre building in Lower Mounts.

The 27-year-old, who also worked at the highly-acclaimed La Trompette restaurant in Chiswick, said: "People will recognise my name or the names of places where I have worked and I want to make this place just as successful."

"We are striving for accolades now and I want a Michelin Rosette for this restaurant."

"Almost everywhere I have worked has had an accolade and I want that for here."

Northampton College owns the restaurant and employs Mr Goodwill – who has complete control of the menu – as head chef as well as other Northampton-born second chef Nathan Russell, who has



James Forsyth, Nathan Russell, George Marsh and Chef Liam Goodwill at The Albero Restaurant at Northampton College's new town centre building in Lower Mounts

CE picture

worked at a Double Michelin Rosette restaurant.

Following the restaurant's opening last week, Northampton College is now only the second college in the country to have a non-training based restaurant.

The Mediterranean-themed Albero will be operated as a business,

with all profits going to the college to be re-invested into education.

The college has also provided two apprentice chefs who have already trained for two years and will spend their third year at The Albero training under Mr Goodwill and the other experienced staff.

Mr Goodwill said: "Within a

training kitchen and restaurant you can never recreate a real kitchen but here the apprentices will be running their own section and are in a genuine restaurant."

"It's a great challenge for us and we are also putting something back. It's a really exciting prospect."

Referee on mend after heart failure

FORMER Premier League referee Richard Beeby is recovering at his Northampton home after suffering minor heart failure during The Run 10.

The 48-year-old, who retired from being a professional referee last year, was rushed to hospital on October 3 after he collapsed close to the end of the 10k run.

Mr Beeby, who works as head of asset management at Northamptonshire County Council, spent five days in Northampton General Hospital where tests were carried out on his heart to try to identify the cause of his health problem during the race.

He said: "They did all sorts of tests on my heart and liver during my time in hospital. I was not really with it for 48 hours."

"I just put it down to going off a bit too quick. I'm going to rest for a little while and recuperate before getting back into things too quickly. It's not something I would wish on anybody. It wasn't a very pleasant experience. "The tests found some



fatigue in my heart, little splinter strands but very mild problems. I'll be looking to build up my strength again but I won't be doing another run any time soon."

"The nurses and doctors at Northampton General Hospital were absolutely brilliant."

Mr Beeby was running with referee Andy Woolmer, who accompanied him in the ambulance to hospital after he collapsed.

Mr Woolmer said: "I finished the race and then went back to look for him. I was about 50 yards ahead of him but when you are running you don't tend to look back that much. I think he was on for a time of 56 minutes."

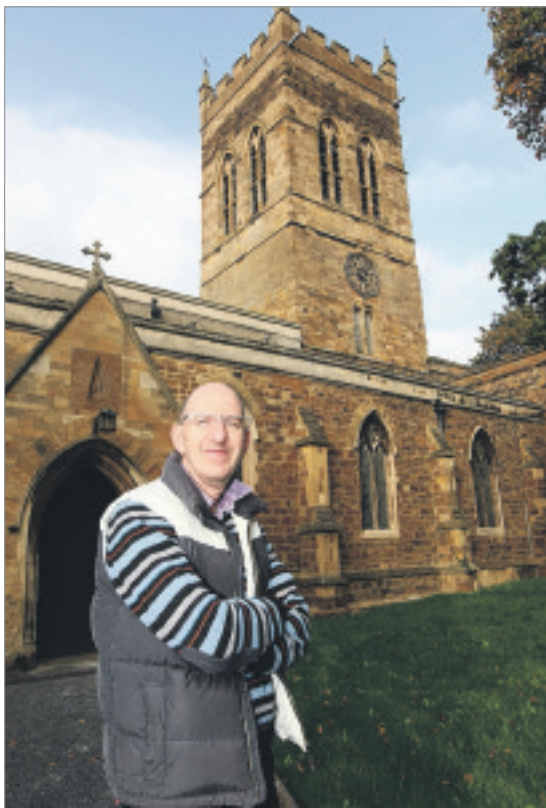
Mr Beeby said the organisers of the race had given him a nine and a half kilometre certificate but he had no recollection of the run from just after half way round the course.

He said: "I set off with Andy and maybe went a bit too quickly. I got to the six kilometre mark and felt okay but the next thing I remember is being in the ambulance."

Mr Beeby retired from top flight refereeing at the end of the 2008/9 season with his final game in charge being Wolves Championship clash with Doncaster Rovers.

He spent 10 years refereeing in the football league and officiated in more than 350 matches. He currently works as an assessor of referees.

Mr Beeby was promoted to the National List of Referees in 1999 and officiated in play-off semi-finals in 2004, 2005 and 2007, as well as a final in 2004. In the 2004/5 season he refereed matches in the Premier League and in 2005 took charge of the FA Vase final.



Stolen guitar found in nearby shop

A VICAR has spoken of his shock after a stolen guitar turned up for sale inside a second-hand shop only hours after burglars had raided his town centre church.

Burglars broke into St Giles Church, in Northampton town centre, and stole a bass guitar from inside.

After smashing a side window which led to the porch, burglars then kicked in a larger window and managed to climb into the main church.

Finding the church had been raided the follow-

ing morning and a guitar missing, a church worker checked nearby second-hand shops and quickly spotted the musical instrument for sale.

The Rev Canon David Bird, vicar of St Giles, said: "He looked around to see if anything had been stolen and found a guitar was missing.

"He thought he would have a look in the town centre and found the guitar.

"We had windows broken that cost about £1,000 to repair and it is frustrating because there is nothing in

there to steal apart from equipment.

"It is very annoying because there is nothing worth stealing and it is costing us £250 on our insurance every time it happens.

"That is money that is coming out of the congregation so it is coming out of the church.

"Plus we have the inconvenience of it all and obviously have to have the windows boarded up."

Mr Bird said the cost of repairs was so expensive because the smashed windows in the church are

leaded and often very old.

He said: "It is really frustrating and is a real inconvenience."

A police spokesman said: "The outer grills to the windows were damaged and leaded windows were smashed, including the main window on the side of Spencer Parade."

Witnesses to the break-in, which took place between 9pm on Tuesday, October 5 and 9am on Wednesday, October 6, can call police on 03000 111 222 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111."

Fans top table

COBBLERS supporters are some of the best behaved in the country according to latest figures released by the Home Office.

Statistics for the 2008/9 season show there were just two Northampton Town fans given banning orders, which is fewer than 84 of the 92 teams in the Football League.

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For one night only – on Saturday, November 20 – sports stars, politicians and other well-known local names and faces will take to the dance floor in a Strictly Come Dancing-style competition, sponsored by Barclaycard, in aid of the Chron and Macmillan Cancer Support's £1.5 million Northampton General Hospital appeal.

Partnering semi-professional dancers from Step by Step Dance School, the participants will perform in front of a specially-chosen judging panel and a live audience at the Park Inn Hotel, which has donated its ballroom free of charge.

Tickets for the competition – which features the likes of

Conservative MP for Northampton South Brian Binley, former Olympic trampolinist Jaime Moore, former Northampton Saints and England international rugby player Jon Sleightholme and the Chron's editor David Summers – went on sale at the weekend and are already selling well, so people who want to attend are urged to act fast to ensure they do not miss out.

Sharon Battersby, area fundraising manager for Macmillan, said: "Strictly Chron Dancing is a great example of putting the 'fun' into raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support's Northampton Appeal to raise £1.55 million to build the new Haematology Unit at Northampton General Hospital.

"We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in organising the event and in particular those taking part who

are giving up their time and energy for a special cause.

"I know tickets are already selling fast for the night so I urge people to join us for what will be a spectacular evening with local well-known people getting behind our local appeal.

"Everyone's support for the event will help make a massive difference to local people being treated for cancers of the blood, and you really can help turn a bad day into a good day for someone."

Tickets for Strictly Chron Dancing cost £15 per person and £10 for OAPs and children aged below 16, with every penny going towards our appeal, thanks to Barclaycard's generous sponsorship of the event.

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BMW creates 200 new jobs

A MAJOR jobs boost has been announced for Northampton by the German car maker BMW.

The firm has announced plans to build a major distribution centre for car parts on the outskirts of Northampton.

The development of the multi-million-pound depot, which will be built at Pineham on the western edge of Northampton, will create an estimated 200 new jobs in the town.

Announcing the move last night, a spokesman for the car manufacturer said: "BMW has signed a multi-million pound contract with ProLogis Developments for a new purpose-built warehouse to be leased at Pineham in Northamptonshire. The new warehouse is designed to further develop BMW's industry-leading parts logistics operation."

The new warehouse will

be BMW's regional distribution centre for parts made for all its cars.

It will also be used as the distribution centre for parts for all Minis, Rolls-Royces and BMW motorbikes.

Once it is operational, the depot will dispatch car parts to car dealerships throughout the UK and Ireland.

A planning application for the development of the 457,500-square-foot warehouse is due to be submitted to the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) in the next few days. If the development is approved by the WNDC, it is hoped the distribution centre will be built by January 2012 and be fully operational by April that year.

The firm behind its construction, developers ProLogis, have also said their aim is for the warehouse to be completely carbon

neutral once it is built.

The chief executive of the Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, Paul Griffiths, said it was excellent to see a major company such as BMW investing in the town.

He said: "It is fantastic to see another well-known brand looking to operate in Northamptonshire, and the creation of so many new jobs is very positive."

"The county has always had great potential to be a base for national operations and BMW have recognised that."

The announcement by BMW is the second piece of good news for the jobs market in Northampton this month.

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Northampton Hope Centre is set to launch a new Volunteer Improvement Programme (VIP) which will develop structured voluntary work opportunities and training for homeless people in the town.

Debbie Galton, fundraising co-ordinator at The Hope Centre, said: "We are thrilled to have secured funding for our Volunteer Improvement

Programme for the next three years.

"This project will enable us to provide voluntary work and training to severely disadvantaged groups within the supportive environment of the centre and will help us to continue our work towards breaking the cycle of unemployment and homelessness."

Ms Galton said the funding would enable the centre to employ a volunteer coordinator who would take charge of the programme and make links with outside organisations.

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Probe shut after death

AN investigation into the supply of controversial Taser stun guns has been closed, just days after the director of the company responsible was found dead at his home in Northampton following a suspected suicide.

Peter Boatman, the 57-year-old director of operations for Pro-Tect Systems, was found dead at his home in Reynard Way, Kingsthorpe only three days after the Home Office revoked the firm's licence to import and sell Tasers. The weapons were used by officers from Northumbria Police in the stand-off with gunman Raoul Moat.

An investigation into the supply of the weapons was immediately launched by Northamptonshire Police following concerns terms of the licence had been breached.

But Operations Supt Sean Bell, of Protective Services Command, said in a statement: "Northamptonshire Police has concluded its investigation into the supply of X12 Taser guns and XREP am-



Peter Boatman

munitions by Daventry-based Pro-Tect Systems Limited.

"The investigation identified that offences against the Firearms Act 1968 had been committed. However, taking into account all of the available evidence, in-

cluding the recent tragic death of Operations Director Peter Boatman, we have concluded that it is not in the public interest to take any action against Pro-Tect Systems Limited and the investigation has now been closed."

An inquest into Mr Boatman's death was adjourned last week as post-mortem examinations were awaiting toxicology and histology tests.

The investigation came after it emerged that Pro-Tect Systems breached the terms of its licence by supplying X12 Tasers, which were still being tested by Government scientists, directly to police involved in the Moat manhunt.

Mr Boatman's business partner said the former police officer was "destroyed" by the furore.

Pro-Tect's managing director Kevin Coles said there was "no doubt" his colleague's apparent suicide was linked to the probe.

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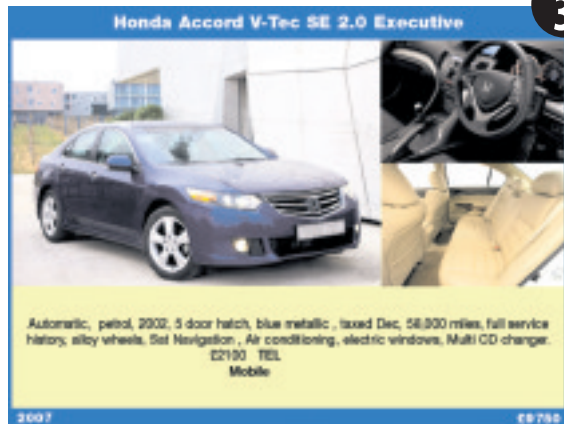
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Defences 'among the best'

A NEW report has revealed Northampton now has one of the best flood protected town centres anywhere in the UK.

An exhaustive 10-month independent review, commissioned by the Environment Agency and involving local people in the affected areas, showed the flood defences now in place continue to offer a 0.5 per cent – or one in 200 – chance of flooding.

The review found both the current standard of protection and its capability for the future, taking into account the variants brought in with climate change, meant the town centre was one of the best protected anywhere outside central London.

The Northampton Standards of Protection Review was carried out by international design and engineering consultants, Scott Wilson, and examined the improved flood defences built by the Environment Agency since the floods of Easter 1998 in which two people died.

One of the findings of the review was that although all defences were in good condition, some sections would benefit from improvement.

Robert Caudwell, chairman of the agency's regional flood defence committee, said: "The findings of this in-depth report confirm the centre of Northampton, including Far Cotton and St James – areas so badly affected by flooding in 1998 – is one of the best protected areas outside of central London."

"It shows the defences would still reduce the risk through the centre of the town from a flood with a one in 200 chance of happening although ongoing maintenance work will be needed to ensure this standard of protection is maintained."

"As the body responsible for reviewing flood defences in Northampton and determining their future maintenance, the committee welcomes the report's findings. We'll continue to work with the Environment Agency to advise as to how any future improvements can be made where necessary."

County councillor Ben Smith, cabinet spokesman for regeneration and growth, said: "I'm reassured the people of Northampton have such a high standard of protection but due to the intensive rainfall brought about by climate change, flooding will always be a risk."

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Careers 'shops' closed

TWO careers advice centres within yards of each other in Northampton town centre have become the first visible signs of funding cuts in the town.

The Connexions centre in Abington Street closed this month, only a few weeks after the neighbouring Learn IT centre also shut down.

While Connexions provides careers advice to 13 to 19-year-olds, Learn IT was designed to give advice on careers and computer skills to older people who had lost their jobs.

The Learn IT centre was run by Northampton College and Moulton College, but its funding was cut in July this year.

Ray Starkey, the vice-principal of planning and business development at Northampton College, said services had moved into the college's new building in The Mounts.

He said: "When funding

for Learn IT ended in July, the college saw it as an opportunity to rethink its adult provision and offer a revised programme from our new building.

"The Skills Centre at Lower Mounts has been open since September and offers flexible IT, computing, English and maths courses for complete beginners or for those adults who wish to develop their skills.

"We are also working with Jobcentre Plus on the new Employment Solutions programme to offer free training for people who have been unemployed for six months or more."

The closure of the Connexions Abington Street shop came after it was announced £1.3 million was to be cut from the Connexions budget, which will also mean 50 job losses in the county.

Instead of operating drop-in shops, the organisation will now have 36 "choice advisors" in schools to give pupils careers advice.



The two careers shops in Abington Street, Connexions and Learn IT, have now closed down

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Town's pulling out the stops

OFFICIALS from Northampton have said they will pull out all the stops to make sure the town has a credit-crunch-busting Christmas.

Members of Northampton Borough Council are currently holding talks with traders in the town about the annual Christmas lights display.

After the introduction of plastic trees and a scaled back lights show received national criticism in 2008, an improved display was launched in 2009, with a real tree and more lights.

And it is hoped this year's display will build on the success.

The council's cabinet member for town centre operations, Councillor Trini Crake (*Lib Dem, Boughton Green*) said she hoped the display would overcome any credit crunch gloom.

She said: "We're still in the process of finalising plans for Christmas celebrations in the town but Christmas lights and trees will take pride of place along with special markets, choirs and other Christmas entertainment to mark the seasonal festivities.

"We will work with local businesses and theatres and involve others in the community to try to recreate some of the excitement generated by the pride of Lions and Britain in Bloom this summer.

"Things are difficult for many of us at the moment but we will be doing everything we can to make sure Northampton is the town to spend time and shop in this Christmas."

The town's Christmas festival will be launched on Saturday, November 27.

The event will see Santa Claus visit the town on a spe-

cial 'Santa bus' and an entertainment stage set up in the centre of the town.

Councillor Crake said: "The Christmas lights will be shining bright, but we will ensure everyone knows what's planned well in advance of that."

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TV presenter and architect, George Clarke best-known for Channel 4's The Home Show – has teamed up with Pilkington to suggest changes we can all make. As he says: "It's reassuring to know that more and more people are taking their home and their carbon footprint seriously, after all our homes are the biggest investments we are ever likely to make. What's important is that people are taking steps to change and recognising the added value greener living brings, such as cost savings and increasing the saleability of homes. 'Installing good-quality loft insulation is one of the most effective energy-saving jobs homeowners can do, which is good news as 80 per cent of homebuyers in this survey consider it the most important green factor when buying a new home. You could chop a whopping £150 annually off the average energy bill by installing insulation that is 270mm thick. 'Another big saving over time is replacing the windows with more energy-efficient glazing. This can cut fuel bills by 20 per cent over their lifetime. Pilkington energiKare™ glazing, for example, can reduce heat loss by up to 90 per cent, compared to single-glazed windows, and at the same time



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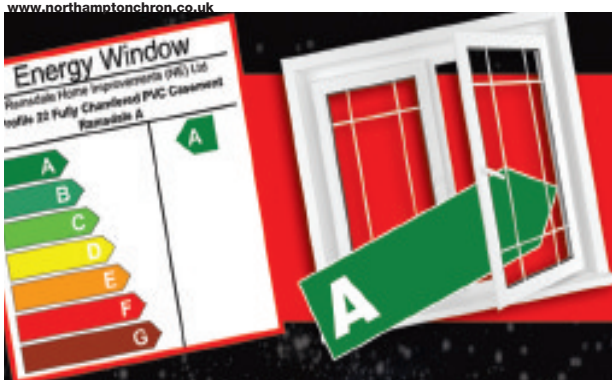


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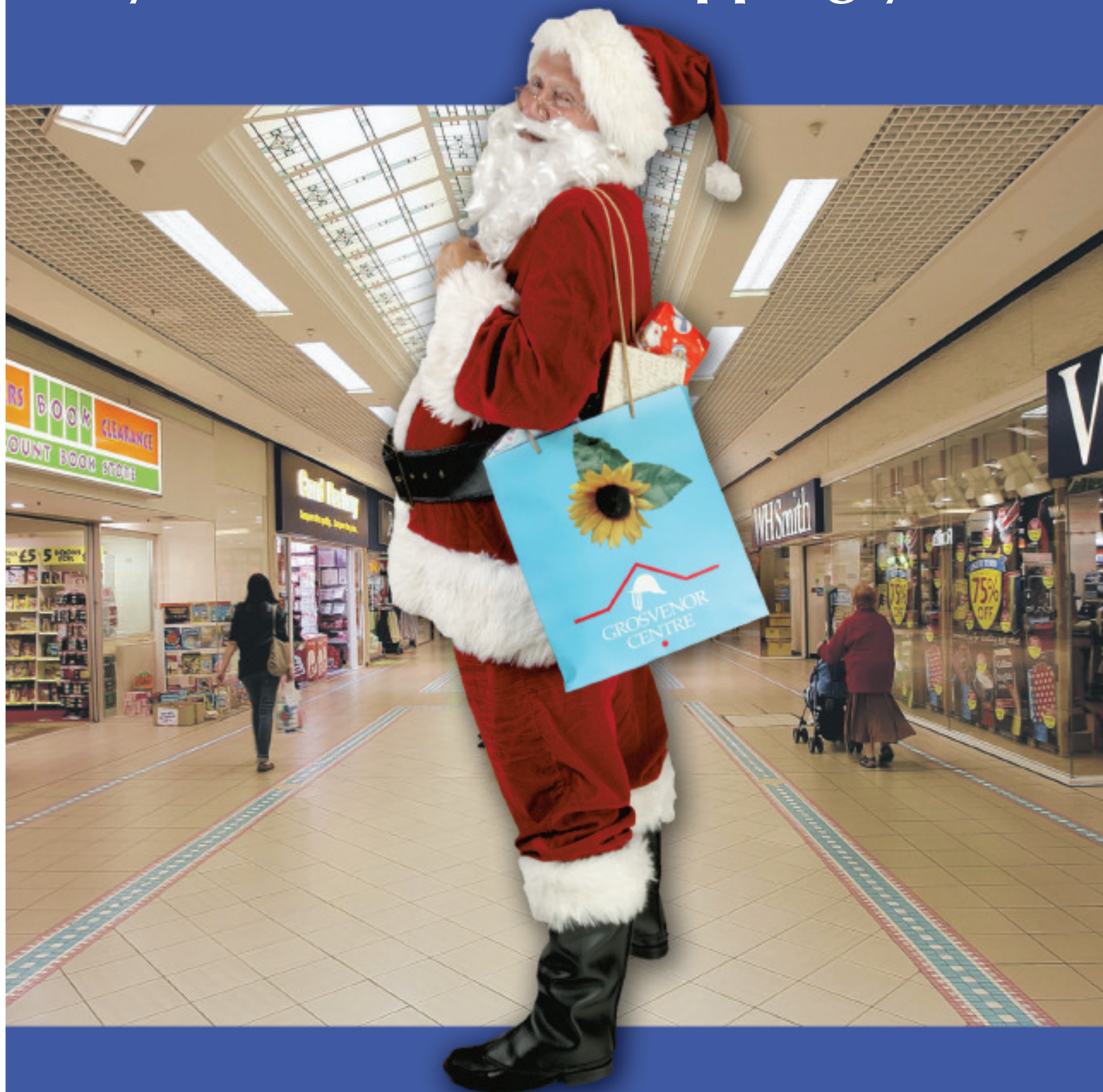
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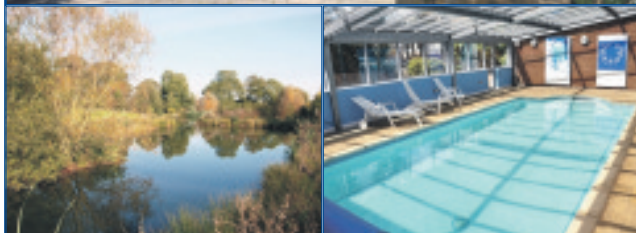


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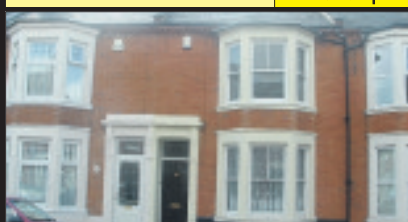
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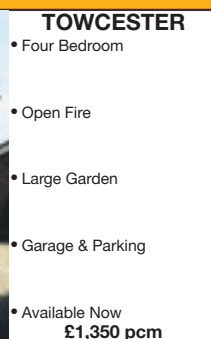
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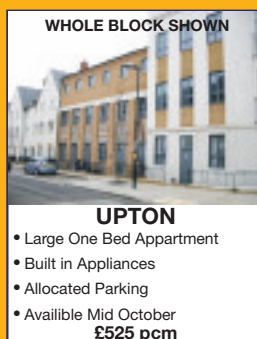
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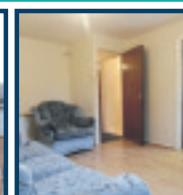
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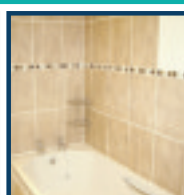


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£510 pcm

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£525 pcm

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P3062

£525 pcm



TOWN CENTRE

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BECKETTS VIEW A MODERN APARTMENT. Comprising communal entrance with intercom system, entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen with built in OVEN AND HOB AND APPLIANCES, Master bedroom with BUILT IN WARDROBES, bathroom with shower over, UNFURNISHED, central heating and double glazing, allocated parking space. *TWO AVAILABLE IN BLOCK*

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P 3894

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£595 pcm



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P 2835

£695 pcm



ABINGTON

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P 3460

£695 pcm



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P1060

£750 pcm



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It explores his time spent rummaging through charity shops, jumble sales and skips to compile the definitive collection of the world's worst – and inadvertently hilarious – books.

Ince is the creator of Nine Lessons and Carols For Godless People and the co-creator of Radio 4's Infinite Monkey Cage.

The show combines his twin passions, science and bad literature, as the Bad Book Club clashes Cliff

Richard biographies with evolutionary biology, Dutch astrology with books on how to pick up girls, and Spiders From Mars are explained away as a scientific impossibility.

Members of the audience are also welcome to bring an odd book along for the comedian to read from.

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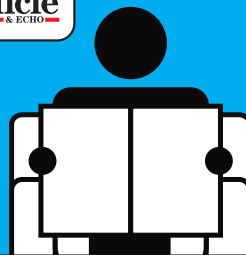
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Despicable plan to steal the moon

DESPICABLE ME (U, 94 mins)
Family/Comedy/Action.
Featuring the voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand, Miranda Cosgrove, Dana Gaier, Elsie Fisher, Julie Andrews, Danny McBride.
Directors: Pierre Coffin, Chris Renaud.

THANKS to the wizards at Pixar, we gleefully expect one magical computer-animated film every year and Toy Story 3 certainly didn't disappoint.

However, 2010 is shaping up to be a vintage period for the medium with the high-flying How To Train Your Dragon in March and the delights of Legend Of The Guardians: The Owls Of Ga'Hoole and MegaMind still to come.

In between, we have Despicable Me, a hilarious tale of evil versus evil that delivers a frenetic 94 minutes of laughter, edge-of-seat thrills and heart-warming sentiment.

Directors Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud create a colourful adventure that will charm audiences of all ages, peppered with swingeing one-liners guaranteed to have parents chortling over their popcorn.

There are some great throwaway visual gags: when the Machiavellian central character applies for a loan from the Bank Of Evil, he passes a plaque which reveals the establishment was formerly called Leh-

Despicable Me

Showing at Odeon Kettering, Cineworld Northampton, Vue Northampton

Swearing	✗	Violence	✓
Sex	✗	Rating	8/10

man Brothers. The criminal mastermind at the centre of the mischief is Gru (voiced by Steve Carell), who seethes with envy after new villain on the block, Vector (Jason Segel), steals one of the ancient pyramids and replaces the monument with an inflatable.

With his reputation on the line, Gru plots to steal the moon using a shrink ray gun from Vector's laboratory. However, the lair is heavily fortified so Gru adopts three orphaned girls, Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), Edith (Dana Gaier) and Agnes (Elsie Fisher), and cleverly uses the children to breach the defences. Gru's elderly mentor, Dr Nefario (Russell Brand), supplies the nifty gadgets for the high stakes mission. By the time Gru has purloined the shrink ray, the curmudgeon

has forged a bond with the girls and he must contemplate giving up his life of crime to become a father or send them back to the orphanage.

Screening in 3D in selected cinemas, Despicable Me maintains a jaunty pace as Gru goes head to head with Vector and continually comes off second best. Carell teases out the warmth in his boo-some baddie, who has to endure a snide, bullying mother (Julie Andrews) and a neighbour (Danny McBride) whose dogs "leaves bombs" in his yard.



The three girls have well-defined personalities, from the gushing enthusiasm of little Agnes, who spots a toy unicorn at a fairground and squeals, "It's so fluffy, I'm going to die!" to fiercely protective oldest child Margo and delightfully deadpan Edith, who quips, "When we got adopted by a bald guy, I thought this would be more like Annie." Action set pieces are orchestrated with brio and tongue wedged

firmly in cheek, and the film makes good use of the 3D format including some tomfoolery with Gru's minions over the end credits.

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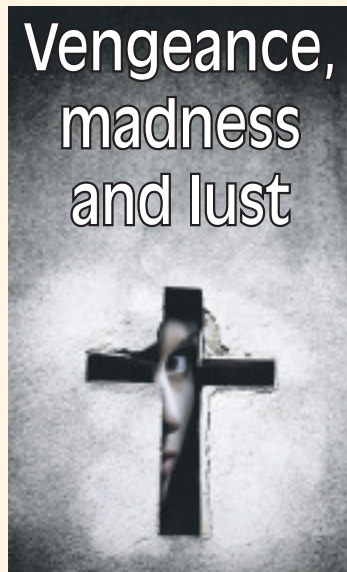
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THE Duchess of Malfi will bring the 16th Century Italian court to Northampton in a new adaptation of the classic play. Adapted and directed by Royal & Derngate's artistic director Laurie Sansom, lust, vengeance and madness collide in this Jacobean masterpiece, which is based on actual events. It charts the secret marriage of the Duchess to commoner Antonio and the hounding by her Machiavellian brothers, and is a vision of her courage and dignity in the face of a dark world. The adaptation features madrigal singers performing late Renaissance music. It takes place from Friday, October 15 to Saturday, October 30. Tickets cost from £27 to £111 on 01604 624811.

The sexiest of secrets

THE ultimate girls' night out comes to Northampton again this week as part of its nationwide tour.

The Vagina Monologues will return to the town, starring Coronation Street and Heartbeat star Nikki Sanderson, Emmerdale actress Roxanne Pallett and Sue Jenkins (pictured), best known as Jackie Corkhill from Brookside.

The show is made up of a number of sex stories gathered by the show's creator, New Yorker Eve Ensler.

She asked more than 200 women of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life to share their most intimate secrets on normally taboo topics.

The results are a funny and moving collection of tales, and two million people have already witnessed one of the Vagina Monologues' 3,000 performances.

It takes place tonight at 8pm.

Tickets cost £20, and are available from the box office on 01604 624811 or online at www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

● Also taking place at Northampton's Royal and Derngate this week will be the Arnold Festival 2010 on Saturday; 80s Mania on Saturday; Malcolm Arnold Fest Orchestra on Sunday; Sean Lock on Monday; Frankie Boyle; I Would Happily Punch Every One of You in the Face on Tuesday and Wednesday.



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It is the seventh Dahl show the Birmingham Stage Company have

presented and is directed by Phil Clark, who directed both Danny the Champion of the World and the company's new Horrible Histories tour. The stage version has been written by David Wood, a leading children's playwright who was dubbed 'the national children's dramatist' by The Times.

The show takes place until Saturday at Milton Keynes Theatre, with evening performances at 7pm and matinees at 1.30pm on Thursday, Friday at 11am and Saturday at 2pm.

Tickets cost £10 for children and £15 for adults. To book, call 0844 871 7652 or visit www.ambassador-tickets.com/miltonkeynes.

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Music

The Roadmender has a big future

IT'S 10 months since David Norris took over the running of Northampton's Roadmender venue.

Since coming on board, the venue has seen packed-out shows by the likes of Young Guns and Soulfly, launched new club nights and attracted big-name DJs for all-night sets.

"It's been a good 10 months," he explains, "and we've got a lot of plans to make sure the Roadmender has a bright future in Northampton."

"We have invested more than £100,000 in the venue so far in making improvements and bringing artists to the venue."

"If you look at some of the shows coming up, we've got some big names coming here."

"The Roadmender is an institution in Northampton and we want to keep it that way."

When the venue had its previous structural



overhaul, the capacity was reduced.

Norris said he thought this was a mistake and said he has plans to increase the capacity.

He said: "We are here for the long term and have already looked at plans to expand the venue."

"At the moment, the main room holds 800 people, however, we want to extend this to 1,200."

"This would allow us to make sure we can attract more quality names to the venue."

"We have the plans but they have not been submitted yet."

Since taking over at the ven-

ue, some have been critical of the number of live gigs.

However, Norris reassured people he was committed to live music at the Roadmender. He said: "Over the summer festival period you are always going to have quiet periods,

there are so many festivals nowadays that you don't get venues like the Roadmender getting festival warm-up shows any more, the bands play smaller festivals instead."

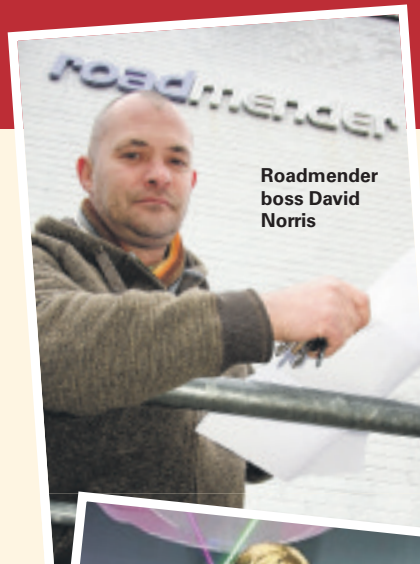
"We are committed to all types of music here. We have some great live bands coming up like The Bluetones, The Rifles and The Saw Doctors."

"The Roadmender is an established name and well known across the country, it has a reputation for live music and of course we need to keep that going."

He added that the introduction of regular open mic nights was giving musicians across the county the opportunity to perform, while new club nights such as Random Concept had helped to attract a new audience to the venue and that DJ sets by the likes of Pendulum looked certain to pull in the crowds.

Last week, drum 'n' bass electro star Sub Focus brought his live show to the venue and last night, goth rockers Lacuna Coil headlined.

For more information on upcoming gigs at the venue and to book tickets, visit www.theroadmender.com.



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How some of the groups who received Community Gifts awards spent the money they were given . . .

It's money well spent

AS the old saying goes money cannot buy happiness, but grants awarded through last year's Community Gifts campaign have helped make life a great deal easier for people across Northamptonshire.

Each year the *Chronicle & Echo* and *Evening Telegraph* team up with Barclaycard to invite charities and schools to apply for a share of £30,000.

The money goes to groups which have a specific need to fill, such as buying outdoor play equipment for a school playground or a stock of books to kit out a library.

Last year the money was divided up to help 12 Northamptonshire projects, paying for schemes including training a support dog to help a disabled person and buying musical equipment to help

in the education of children.

Chronicle & Echo editor David Summers said: "For nine years now Barclaycard have been supplying the funding to help people in genuine need across the county. There is so much good work going on in schools and charities and it is great that Community Gifts offers us this opportunity to give financial support to so many of these causes."



IN today's multicultural society, awareness of the traditions and practices of other countries has to be thoroughly covered in all aspects of education.

And The Bliss Charity School in Nether Heyford used its £1,000 from Community Gifts to invest in just that; buying in a set of African musical instruments, including djembe drums, to help youngsters appreciate the music of other cultures.

Music co-ordinator Jacqui Bristow said: "We asked for £700 and we got £1,000, which

was fantastic; we couldn't believe it – we didn't expect to get that."

And the drums have already received a lot of use at the school, with children even taking part in a special day devoted to the art of African drumming.

Jacqui explained: "We had an African drumming day with a South African man who came into the school. The children absolutely love it because it is something they can all enjoy, even if they can't play other instruments."

FOR children with life-limiting conditions, exposure to music can be an important way of helping to open up the world around them.

And, with this in mind, the Northamptonshire charity Thomas's Fund applied for Community Gifts cash to help buy a set of lyres – a classical type of stringed instrument.

The fund is named after Thomas Smith who died at the age of 10 from a neuro-degenerative condition but who gained a lot from music throughout his life.

The charity was co-founded by Thomas's mother Lucy to offer a service which enables music therapists to visit youngsters in their own homes.

Lucy was delighted when the charity was awarded £1,600, enabling them to buy the lyres.

She said: "The therapists take the instruments to the children's houses. They are simple for the children to pluck, so they can make a sound easily."

"My son Harry has a neuro-degenerative condition and these sessions give him a chance to express himself through music."

In the three years since the charity launched, it has worked with about 30 children, each with a life limiting condition.

Lucy said: "Music really makes a big difference to them."



THE importance of something as simple and mundane as a chisel or spanner should not be underestimated.

And, at Tools for Self Reliance in Northampton, workers fully realise the importance of maintaining and restoring tools so they are fit for purpose.

The charity has been working for several decades to employ many disadvantaged volunteers to help restore and recycle old tools.

While some of these tools are donated to local charities, most are sent to Africa, where they help equip peo-

ple in developing countries to carry out their work and, as a consequence, help to relieve poverty.

Tools for Self Reliance last year received £1,000 from Community Gifts, which went towards buying grinding equipment to help with tool maintenance.

Manager Val Bridges said: "The main purpose of what we do is to provide opportunities for adults and young people who can't work through health or substance abuse issues."

"In the workshop they refurbish the tools that other charities use for projects in

THE largest share of the Community Gifts money pot last year went to Dogs for the Disabled, one of the charities chosen by Northampton's former mayor Michael Hill.

The charity, which trains dogs to act as a daily support to people with disabilities, was awarded £10,000.

A spokeswoman this week told the *Chron* how the cash has been used to sponsor a young German Shepherd cross retriever called Yoda, who has just spent his first year with puppy socialisers in Brackley.

Last month Yoda started his formal training at the National Training Centre in Banbury.

By the end of their training, dogs like Yoda are able to carry out a wide variety of tasks for their disabled companions, such as picking up dropped keys or even raising the alarm in an emergency situation.

Cathryn Simpson, corporate partnerships manager, said: "We were thrilled to scoop the £10,000 top prize last year. Support from corporates such as Barclaycard is vital for us to be able to continue our work, as we receive no government

funding so rely on donations.

"Our specially trained assistance dogs go on to help children and adults with disabilities, and families with a child affected by autism, lead fuller, more independent lives, and we currently have 16 working partnerships in the Northampton area. With a target of training up to 80 dogs next year, every pound really does count."



Thursday, October 14, 2010

Ford S-Max 2.0 SCTi

REVIEW BY RICHARD HAMPSON

Hot hatch fun in a seven-seater

A SEVEN-SEAT MPV. Those words can strike fear into the hearts of young parents who are used to tearing around in a hot hatch without a care in the world. With parenthood comes responsibility, and a ten-fold increase in the stuff you have to lug around with you. And then of course, the little horrors have the audacity to go and make friends, so you'll probably have to lug them around too, at some point.

So no, you can't just bundle them into the boot of an MX-5. You're going to need seats, and cubby holes, and drink holders and some sort of entertainment. And where there's a need, there's a market. Seven-seaters are a common sight - usually driven by har-

assed looking people, which is, naturally, what they are if they have a car with seven seats, because the seats represent a potential six-fold increase in the number of people harassing them. Most seven-seaters are pretty dull-looking. Ford's answer to the equation seems to be to produce a car that looks a bit like the hot hatch you may have been driving, but a lot bigger.

That's meant as a compliment. The S-Max is possibly the best-looking people carrier around, with a steeply raked windscreen and bonnet, grille-height fog lamps, those sporty side-gills and wheel arches and a low-slung

appearance. And there are some decidedly hot hatch type alloys to choose from, to complete the image.

Needless to say, Ford hasn't put a foot wrong with the interior either. It's modern, airy, made of good quality materials (you still can't go wrong with matt black and brushed aluminium) and ergonomically it's right on the button. There are cubby holes and compartments to store stuff in and it all feels pleasantly robust. Of particular note are the seats - my test run (an 80-mile trip to the wilds of Suffolk) incorporates urban, motorway and B-road driving. In most cars I'll normally get that all-too-familiar shooting

posterior. Not so with the S-Max. Ride quality is also excellent - ruts, lumps and dips could be heard but not felt.

Just because a large proportion of your income now gets spent at Toys R Us, it doesn't mean you can't have something to play with either. The S-Max enjoys a swathe of interesting options in terms of gadgets: the Blind Spot Information System being one of them, whereby the wing mirrors flash an orange light when a vehicle is somewhere alongside you. Another novel option is front seats which can warm you up or cool you down. Second and third row seats can be configured in up to 32 ways, from

folded flat, folded down, you name it.

And the best toy of all is under the bonnet. On this 2.0 petrol SCTi EcoBoost, you can reach 62mph in 8.5 seconds and a top speed of 137mph. That is comfortably into warm hatch territory, and would beat your old Fiesta XR2i off the lights. A well-trained bunch of children will happily pull faces at fuming boy racers as you leave them in your dust - as a harassed seven-seat vehicle driver you've got to get your fun where you can. Ford has come up with a great solution of getting it to you - putting the fun into functionality if you like.



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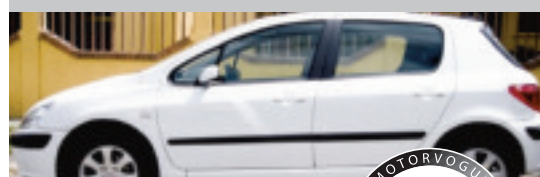
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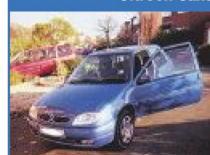
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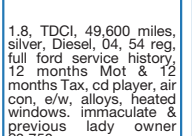


2.0, Hatchback, 3 door, 28700 miles, Black, Petrol, 2007, 07 reg, Air Con, half leather, alloys, cd bumpers, spoiler, ST sill, Priv Glass, leather wheel, voice control, E/Windows/ Mirror/ CD player, iPod Connector, new tyres, serv hist, tax/mot Jan 2011 £6,000 ono Tel: 01604 870696

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2004

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2000

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£1,395

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£895

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95,000 miles, Petrol, 1999, T reg, Mot til September 2011, Tax till February 2011, good runner. Good service history. £800 ono (P)
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Ford Mondeo LX



1.8, Hatchback, 5 door, 127000 miles, red, Petrol, 1999, S reg, Mot June 11, tax June 11, good condition, fsh, alarm, cd radio, e/windows, p/steering, airbags. Very good engine, drives very good, new battery, A/C, tidy inside, only 3 owners.. £600 ono Tel: 07990734805

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Honda



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Honda

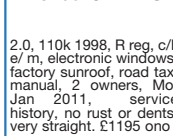


1996, N reg, 4 door, 113,000 miles, black, MoT April 2011, recently serviced. Good condition for year.. £350 ono
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Honda CR-V LS



2.0, 110k 1998, R reg, c/i, 8/ m, electronic windows, factory sunroof, road tax manual, 2 owners, Mot Jan 2011, service history, no rust or dents, very straight. £1195 ono
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Honda Civic SE



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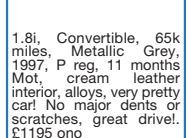


Convertible, 1.8, soft top, Mot year, 2 door, Metallic Green, Petrol, alloy wheels, chrome trim Really good condition, non smoker
Tel: 07535 619077

2002

£1500

MG MGF VVC



1.8i, Convertible, 65k miles, Metallic Grey, 1997, P reg, 11 months Mot, cream leather interior, alloys, very pretty car! No major dents or scratches, great drive! £1195 ono
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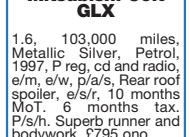


1.6, Coupe, 3 door, White, Petrol, 1995, N reg, Lovely smooth drive, 6mths tax and Mot. £700 ono
Tel: 01604 722634
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1995

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1.2, 3 door, 27,000 miles, Navy, 2005, 55 reg, e/m, e/w, p/a/s, Lady owner MoT and service 9/10 p/a/s, Rci, EXC. COND.. £2850 ono
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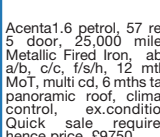
2.0, 5 door, 67,800 miles, Silver, Petrol, 2003, 53 reg, a/b, a/c, alloys, cd, e/m, e/w, f/s/h, p/a/s, sat nav, tax, MoT. Cream leather interior. £3000 ono
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2003

£3000 ono

Nissan

Nissan Qashqai



Acenta 1.6 petrol, 57 reg, 5 door, 25,000 miles, Metallic Fired Iron, abs, a/b, c/c, f/s/h, 12 mths MoT, multi cd, 6 mths tax, panoramic roof, climate control, ex-condition. Quick sale required, hence price £9750.
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1994

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Peugeot 106 Zest



1.1, Hatchback, 3 door, 74k miles, Red, Petrol, 2002, 52 reg, MOT Sept, Tax Feb, Very Good Condition. One owner from new. £1,450 Tel: 01604 740494

2002

£1,450

Peugeot 206 SE

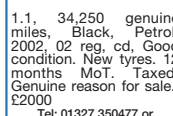


1.6, 90k miles, Metallic Gold, Petrol, 2004, 04 reg, c/i, 4x e/w, p/a/s, Taxed and MoT until Dec 2010. Top of range, a/c and climate. New cam belt fitted. Service history. VGC. Absolute bargain. £2100 ono Tel: 01604 755520 or 07766248580

2004

£2100 ono

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1.1, 34,250 genuine miles, Black, Petrol, 2002, 02 reg, cd, Good condition. New tyres. 12 months MoT. Taxed. Genuine reason for sale.. £2000
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2.0, MPV, 5 door, 52000 miles, dark blue, Diesel, 2003, 53 reg, FSH, 12 months MoT, all extras top of the range, part ex possible. £4750 ono
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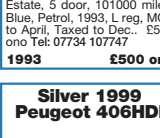


1.4, Hatchback, 89000 miles, 1999, S reg, MOT June 2011, 6 months Tax, CD, PAS. £750 ono Tel: 07800930689

1998

£750 ono

Peugeot 405 GRI



1.9, Estate, 5 door, 101000 miles, Blue, Petrol, 1993, L reg, MOT to April, Taxed to Dec.. £500 ono Tel: 07734 107747

1993

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PEUGEOT 306 SEDAN 1.9D

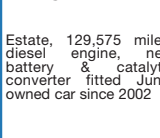


1995, M reg, Turbo Diesel, 5 door, 12 months Mot, new clutch and new battery. £450 (P)
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£450 (P)

Silver 1999 Peugeot 406HDI



Estate, 129,575 miles, diesel engine, new battery & catalytic converter fitted June, owned car since 2002

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£1800 ono

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Suzuki Wagon R Special
1.3, Hatchback, 5 door, 34,000 miles, Silver, Petrol, 2002, 52 reg, 6 Month tax, Sept MOT. £1,450 ono Tel: 01933 399041

2002 £1,450 ono

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1.8, Petrol, 2007, hatchback, auto, trans, 5 door, 39,000 miles, blue, petrol, fsh, current tax & MoT, heated leather seats & cruise control, excellent condition. £6450 ono **Tel: 01933 312809**

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60,000 miles, Petrol, 2003, 53 reg, Mot till August 2011, Tax till January 2011, e/w, e/m, a/c, c/l, cd player, p/a/s, twin airbags, alarm & immobiliser, service history. £2750 ono (P) **Tel: 079048 79164**
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1.2, 67,000 miles, Dark red, Petrol, 2004, 54 reg, a/b, c/l, p/a/s, MoT until Feb'11, HPI clear. Cheap to run. Cam belt recently changed. Serviced. VGC. £2250 ono **Tel: 07947 445088**

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1.9TID, Convertible, 2006, 56 plate, Cerulean Blue, Parchment Leather, 49,986 miles, Diesel, Manual. Guy Salmon Jaguar Northampton £12,850
Tel: 01604 239944 (T)

2006 £12,850

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Toyota MR2 2.0L K reg, 12 months MoT 6 months tax, new alloys/tyres, cd player, bargain £850 ono Tel: 07747 187603

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Vauxhall Astra Premier Ltd Edn



1.6, Hatchback, 5 door, Petrol, 1996, P reg, Excellent condition, inside and out. One lady owner. 82169 miles MOT and TAXED until July. £895 ono **Tel: 01604 750242**

1996

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1.0, low mileage, red, 2002, a/b, alarm, cd, p/a/s, MoT till Jan 2010 Taxed one year. £1650 ono
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1997

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Renault Clio Dynamique

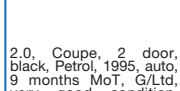


1.2, Hatchback, 3 door, 81k miles, Dark Blue, Petrol, 2003, 03 reg, Alloys, Central Locking, Power Steering, Auto Lighting, Very Good Condition, New Car Hence Sale, MOT April 2011, Tax March 2011. £2,200 ono **Tel: 07765342392**

2003

£2,200 ono

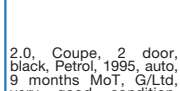
Saab 9-3



1.9TID, Vector, Convertible 2006, 06 reg, Electric Blue Metallic, Beige Leather, 16533 miles, Diesel, Automatic, Guy Salmon Jaguar Northampton £12,850
Tel: 01604 239944 (T)

2006 £12,850

Toyota MR2



2.0, Coupe, 2 door, black, Petrol, 1995, auto, 9 months MoT, G/Ltd, very good condition. £1000 ono
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Renault Clio Grande



1.2, 3 door Hatchback, 70,000 miles, gold, Petrol, 1998, R reg, 12 months mot, new disks and pads, new cam belt, 15" alloy wheels. £875
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07941034886

1998

£875

Renault Megane Coupe

1.6, W reg, 40000 miles, 2 Owners, f/s/h, MOT, Tax, Electric Windows, Central locking, sunroof, Yellow, Petrol, Alloys, VGC £11750
Tel: 01536 358275

2000 £1750

Renault Megane Coupe

1.6, 93,000 miles, black, Petrol, full service history, 1999, T reg, 6 months Tax, 5 months Mot, good condition, recently 4 new tyres, new cam belt kit, drive shaft and brake pads skimmed. £1,100 ono
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1999 £1100 ono

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1.6, 57000 miles, silver, Petrol, 2001, Y reg, a/c, f/s/h, 8 track stereo 11 months mot and tax till 31-10-10.
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1.4 16v Auto, Hatchback, 3 door, 27k miles, green, Petrol, 2005, 05 reg, a/b, cd, c/l, e/m, e/w, immobiliser, service history, MoT and tax till March 2011, good condition. £3400 ono
Tel: 01604 582384

2005

£3400 ono

Renault Clio Dynamique

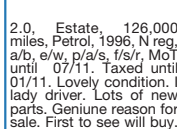


1.2 16 valve, Hatchback, 3 door, 54,000 miles, Black, Petrol, a/c, alloys, e/w, f/s/r, Bluetooth, stereo, ipod connector, MoT Febuary 2011, Taxed December 2010. £2495
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2003

£2495

Renault Laguna

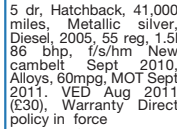


2.0, Estate, 126,000 miles, Petrol, 1996, N reg, a/b, e/w, p/a/s, f/s/r, MoT until 07/11. Taxed until 01/11. Lovely condition. I lady driver. Lots of new parts. Genuine reason for sale. First to see will buy. £800 ono
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Renault Megane Dynamique



5 dr, Hatchback, 41,000 miles, Metallic silver, Diesel, 2005, 55 reg, 1.5i 96 bhp, f/s/hm New cambelt Sept 2010, Alloys, 60mpg, MOT Sept 2011. VED Aug 2011 (£30), Warranty Direct policy in force £4,225

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Rover

Rover 200 214



1.4, Hatchback, 5 door, 74500 miles approx, blue, Petrol, 1997, R reg, alarm, e/w, immobiliser, MOT till end Jan p/a/s, tax till end Feb
Tel: 07976 811660

1997 £500 ono

Saab

Saab 9-3



2.0T, Aero, Convertible, 2008, 08 reg, Steel Grey Metallic, Grey Sport Leather, 41,500 miles, Petrol, Automatic, Guy Salmon Jaguar Northampton, £16,850
Tel: 01604 239944 (T)

2008 £16,850

Suzuki

Suzuki Swift



1.3, 5 dr, 130k miles, silver, Petrol, 1999, V reg, Mot & Tax till Feb 2011. Average condition, private seller, new battery & brake disks, good runner, genuine reason for sale. jamiesteadman@disca.in.c o.uk. £300 ono
Tel: 07789906960

1999 £300 ono

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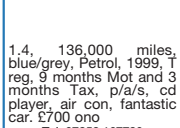


Seriously well looked after metallic Black 1.9 CDTi (120 BHP) Astra with XP Pack & Irmischer body kit, also stunning half leather interior unique to this car. 71k miles, diesel, 05 reg, 18" alloys, MOT & Taxed till April 2011, lady owner
Tel: 07515880111

2005

£6200 ono

Vauxhall Astra



1.4, 136,000 miles, blue/grey, Petrol, 1999, T reg, 9 months Mot and 3 months Tax, p/a/s, cd player, air con, fantastic car. £700 ono, fantastic car. £700 ono
Tel: 07952 167790

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1.6, 1999, T reg 3 door, 89k miles, Black, a/c, alloys, cd, e/w, MOT, tax, very reliable. £695 ono
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Vauxhall Astra Convertible



1.9, Convertible, 2 door, 20000 miles, Diesel, 2008, 08 reg, 1.9CDTi, Leather, SatNav, Keyless, all electric, FSH, Taxed, Heated seats, cruise, sports mode. £13,500 ono **Tel: 07786381383**

2008

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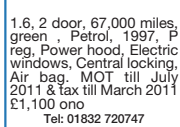
VAUXHALL ASTRA 2L 16v



Petrol, 1997, P reg, new battery, tyres, exhaust, no Mot or Tax, engine rebuilt 2009, 90K genuine miles, good body work, faulty thermostat. Spares and repairs considered. £200 ono (P)
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2.0DTI, 5 door, Silver, 2002, 52 reg, Tax Feb 2011, MoT Dec 2010, £1900 ono
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Volkswagen

Volkswagen Beetle RHD



2.0, Hatchback, 3 door, Dark Blue, Petrol, 2000, V reg, MoT (May 2011), 2 owners (one lady driver since 2003), Sun roof, £2,750 ono, Tel: 01604 890410

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2002 £3,950 ono

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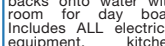
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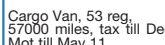
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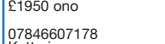
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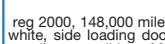
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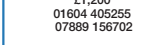
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McNAB Archie

John and Robert would like to thank all Family and Friends who attended Dad's Funeral last week.

Rob and I are sure Mum and Dad appreciated everybody's attendance. Donations to Age Concern and the flowers were gratefully received

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October 9, 2008

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (NORTHAMPTON) (SLIP ROADS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an order on the A45 Trunk Road near Wootton, in the Borough of Northampton to allow work to take place to improve pedestrian safety. The effect of the Order will be to close at different times the slip road leading from -
(i) the northbound carriageway of the A45 to the Rowtree Road/Wooddale Road/London Road roundabout junction; and
(ii) the southbound carriageway of the A45 to Berry Lane.

The work will be expected to start on Monday 18 October 2010 and continue for six weeks. The Order will come into force on 15 October 2010.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures.

Diversion routes will be well signed.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

General enquiries relating to these works may be made to Richard Waterfield, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 07540 701500.

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Anyone over the age of 18 who lives or works in the bureau's area of benefit, or who is interested in furthering the work of the bureau, may attend and (with the consent of the chair of the meeting) speak at the Annual General Meeting but only members of the bureau shall be entitled to vote.

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Sport

ON THE CHARGE
- Ben Foden in action during Saints' Heineken Cup victory over Castres at Franklin's Gardens last Friday



Smith: Saints set for European glory

SAINTS legend Tom Smith says he could see the foundations being laid to turn his old team into European big guns when he left 18 months ago.

Smith finished playing with Saints in April 2009 after eight seasons at Franklin's Gardens, bowing out with a six-minute cameo in the European Challenge Cup final.

Now Smith takes on his old team as forwards coach with Edinburgh on Saturday and he is warning his troops just how tough the battle will be.

The former British Lions prop saw at first hand how director of rugby Jim Mallinder was turning the club around and he was at the Gardens on Friday night to see them beat Castres 18-14.

Smith still lives in the town, staying in Edinburgh during the week, and has kept a keen eye on his old team's progress.

"They have improved a lot since I left," said Smith. "You could see the foundations being laid when I was here. Now they have a very tight, well-drilled forward pack, with big ball-carriers and real exciting backs.

They are a force to be reckoned with, it will be a very tough game for us.

"They didn't play as well as they can against Castres, but Europe is all about winning and they did that. That is what makes them a top side.

"The first game in Europe is about winning and they will take confidence from that. It will be a great test for us, but we have confidence in our ability."

And when asked if his old club had the credentials to go on and win the Heineken Cup for the first time in a decade, Smith said: "They reached the Premiership

semi-finals last season and the Heineken Cup quarter-finals, so that sort of form lends credence to the idea."

Smith made more than 200 appearances for Saints after making his debut in September 2001, reaching two Powergen Cup finals and a Heineken Cup semi-final before finally winning a medal in his last match.

He won 61 caps for Scotland and played in six Lions Tests, including the 2-1 series win against the Springboks in 1997.

And having played under New Zealand coach Wayne

Smith, South African Alan Solomons and Mallinder at Saints, Smith has a wealth of experience to draw on as a coach.

"You pick up little things along the way," said Smith. "But we have a lot of experienced players and really it is just fine tuning things.

"This is a huge game for me personally after spending so long at Northampton. It was a great club to be involved with and I'm really looking forward to the game. There will be plenty of Northampton fans at the ground on Saturday, so it should be a great occasion."

McKenzie is getting the hump

LEON MCKENZIE says he's starting to get 'the hump' at Sixfields.

The experienced frontman (pictured) has appeared as a substitute in each of the last three games, all of which Cobblers have lost.

He came on for the final 13 minutes at Cheltenham on Saturday and had the ball in the net before seeing the effort ruled out for offside.

McKenzie felt it was a wrong decision, and that added to his growing frustration at not starting games for a Town team with just three goals in their last 10 away outings.

But McKenzie stopped short of criticising boss Ian Sampson, who has recently opted for a 4-5-1 formation with Billy McKay the focal point.

"I'm getting sharper now and I just can't wait to get things rolling

because I'm getting the hump," said the former Norwich City and Peterborough United hitman.

"It's not about being on the bench. The gaffer (Sampson) and all the staff here are looking after me properly. I hadn't played for so, so long so really it's just about looking after me in the right way.

"Hopefully I can start pushing to get that start and hopefully start getting some goals."

McKenzie could have good reason to feel hard done by about being left on the sidelines, considering the Cobblers' recent scoring record.

But the 32-year-old remains philosophical about his short spell at Sixfields so far and rather than sulk, the striker is determined to fight for the right to start games.

He added: "I'd love to be up and running and everything be well for myself.

"But, like I say, I've missed a lot of football and obviously I can only do so much from the time I get on the pitch.

"But I'm here to work, I'm here to fight for the cause. I'm a fighter and I believe the rest of the lads are fighters as well and we're going to be all right."

